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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-4, 6-10 and 12-18 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 May 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: Reasons for allowance.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 5/10/2004 as Figure 2 replacement or corrected.

These drawings are rejected because they have a minor error in that corona wire charges 1 should be 10. Correction is required.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: In Figure 2: corona wire charges on transformer outputs 32,33 should be 10 in place of 1. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-4,6-10,12-18 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above claims are allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a power supply for driving or supplying power to corona charges with the claimed combinations, which include a clock generation circuit and an inverter circuit to provide synchronized and opposite AC outputs.

It is known to use transformer coupled AC voltage waveforms to produce opposite polarity waveforms to the charging electrodes or charger wires; however the use of a common clock and inverter to synchronize opposite waveforms on dual primary windings for producing polarity transformer outputs is new.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 5/10/2004, with respect to above claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the above claims has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

As stated above drawing Figure 2 requires correction for the designation number 10 for the corona wire charges.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A Demakis whose telephone number is 571.272.2050. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on 571.272.2800 ext. 36. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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